

REMARKS

The present application is filed as a division of co-pending application Serial No. 10/052,196 filed on January 18, 2002. The Examiner of the co-pending '196 application is Examiner John M. Hoffmann of Art Unit 1731. A written Restriction Requirement was issued by the Examiner and method claims 1-16 were prosecuted in the '196 application. A Notice of Allowance for the '196 application has been received.

This Preliminary Amendment cancels method claims 1-16. Therefore, the pending claims in this divisional application include claims 17-20 which are directed to a fiberoptic dental light probe. No new matter was added.

In addition, the specification was amended to insert a "cross reference to related application" section.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of method claims 17-20.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment for entering this Preliminary Amendment to our deposit account no. 08-3040.

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